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## Patent Application Transmittal

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR OPERATING VENDING MACHINES

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 35 sheets of specification and 1 abstract  
☒ 14 sheets of drawings  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and form PTO-1449  
☐ A certified copy of a \_\_\_ application  
☒ An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation, Armonk, New York 10504 and Recordation form PTO-1595

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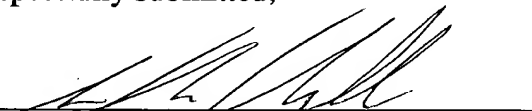
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